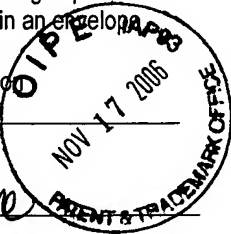


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for two months;
- 2) A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.132; and
- 3) A Supplemental IDS.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.